

SIX IN THE MESHES

True Bills Found Against Chicago Aldermen

ROTH PROVED TO BE RELIABLE

Long After Time Was Called He Responded and Gave Some Remarkable Testimony Against His Colleagues.

Chicago, March 21.—Late this afternoon indictments were prepared against six aldermen, and will probably be returned before night. This was decided on after hearing the evidence of Alderman Roth. Following are the victims: William J. O'Brien, Sixth ward; John Powers, Nineteenth ward; Nicholas Greiner, First ward; Daniel R. O'Brien, Twenty-third ward; John J. Dahmann, Sixteenth ward; Patrick J. Gorman, Thirty-third ward. It was rumored—and for awhile the story looked plausible—that the "combine" in the city council had succeeded in securing the state's chief witness from his fealty to honesty and had persuaded him to leave town. Alderman Salo W. Roth was the first witness on Judge Longenecker's list this morning. Roth was notified last night to appear at 10 o'clock today and tell his story. Ten, 11 and 12 o'clock came, but no Roth. Suspicion on the part of the state that Roth had been tampered with became almost certain. At noon the grand jury headed by Foreman Lieb, appeared before Judge Clifford and asked for an attachment for Roth's arrest. This was ordered issued, but before the paper could be prepared and sent out for service Roth himself, very much flustered, appeared and said he was ready to give his testimony. He was taken before the grand jury and told a remarkable story, on which the above indictments were drawn up.

Story of the Boasting.
His story ran something like this: On July 13 the alderman from the Thirtieth ward was approached by Alderman Dan O'Brien, who suggested to him that there would be big money in it for the members of the council who would vote for the Economic gas ordinance. Roth pretended to acquiesce, but demanded time to consider the proposition. This was granted and the alderman sought the counsel of a friend, to whom he related the facts, saying: "I think I have a good chance now to trap the hoodle aldermen," and asked for advice as to what course to pursue. This friend advised Roth to continue acting as if in accord with the propositions made to him and to accept any bribe offered him, keeping a careful record of all incidents connected with the transactions. Roth followed the advice to the letter. He was coy, however, and declined to listen further to Dan O'Brien. Then he was approached by "Billy O'Brien, to whom he related the facts, and appeared to yield. The economic came up for passage and Roth pledged himself to vote for it. In return for this promise O'Brien gave him \$750, which he promptly deposited with the men who are now conducting the investigation.

Roth was now considered one of the initiates so far as hoodle was concerned, and when the Northern Pacific came up he was approached openly, and for his vote he was paid \$1000, the money being given him by Alderman John Powers. The other three aldermen named above also, as stated, approached Roth at different times and offered him money to vote for different ordinances in which they were interested. On this testimony the indictments for conspiracy will be based.

All But One Arraigned.
Before court adjourned this afternoon all the boasting aldermen had been brought in except Gosselin and Gorman. The former was arrested in the council chamber this evening. Gorman, it is believed, has decamped as all efforts to find him are unavailing. The prisoners were each released on \$10,000 bail. Alderman Roth made a statement to the public this evening declaring that the leading "boss" of the city are behind the prosecution and that he sold his vote on the hoodle ordinance to assist the papers in exposing the corruption among the city fathers.

FATAL BOILER EXPLOSION.

Six Men Meet Death or Fatal Injuries—Three Injured.

St. Louis, March 21.—Four men were killed, two were fatally injured and three were slightly injured this afternoon by the explosion of a boiler at the Laclede Fire Brick works, Cheltenham. Following is a list of the victims: Joseph Beckley, bricklayer's apprentice; John Dubucsky, machinist; Reynold Driedeke, pan feeder; Harry Husny, moulder. Injured—Frank Seger, fireman, fatally; Morgan Inman, laborer; John Callert, engineer, slightly; James Sumner, laborer, slightly. The explosion occurred in the main building of the works. Two boilers were located at the south side of the building covered by a shed. But one of the boilers exploded. Seven men were at work on the roof of the shed repairing a whistle at the time. The boiler divided in half, one-half was carried clean over the main building and landed on the opposite side of the street. The other half-boiler was carried ten or twelve feet. Frank Seger, the fireman, was blown into a creek thirty feet distant. Cause unknown. Frank Seger, one of the injured, died at 11 tonight.

MURDERED BY TRAMPS.

The Body of Jewett S. Durham, of Tobacco, O., Found in a Pool of Blood.

CINCINNATI, March 21.—Saturday afternoon while a party of boys, living at Tobacco, Clermont county, were out looking for some fun they discovered the body of a man lying in a pool of blood. The body was found to be that of Jewett S. Durham, a young man whose parents lived out in the country near the scene. The wound which caused death was a terrible cut in the right arm, between the elbow and wrist. Young Durham had been in Tobacco all day Friday and in the afternoon met several friends, among them Frank Johnson, a blacksmith. The party became intoxicated. It was late at night when they started on the narrow gauge track for home. The natural theory is that when Durham left his companions he was overcome by the liquor,

SENSATION IN A CHURCH.

Attempt to Assault a Priest for Refusing to Hear a Confession.

BUNKOED OUT OF \$34,000.

New York, March 21.—Worshippers at the 5 o'clock mass in St. Francis Xavier's church, West Sixteenth street, were startled yesterday by an attempted assault upon one of the priests. A man sprang out from the congregation leaped to the altar and was about to plant his fist between the eyes of the father officiating. Attendants hurried to the rescue, and after the intruder had barked his nose against the altar until it bled he was placed under arrest and taken to the West Twentieth street station, where he gave his name as W. H. Hassett, a shoemaker. He complained that he had been refused confession the previous night and proposed to get even with the priest. Hassett displayed a knife with which he said he intended to slit the priest's robe. He was locked up.

A Canadian Farmer Trusts a "Friend" He Met on His Way to New York.

KINGSTON, Ont., March 21.—A farmer of Gananoque arrived here yesterday and told a sorrowful tale of his experience on a visit to New York. He said he went to that city for \$34,000 which had been left him by a relative. On the way down he met a man at Poughkeepsie going to the city, and they became fast friends. When they got to the end of their journey the farmer got his money and his friend invited him to carry it in a box. The two went into a grocery store, where a box was obtained. The old man's attention was diverted while the money was being mailed by the shopkeeper. When the farmer reached Watertown he thought he would look in the box. He found it stuffed with rags. The money was not there.

FIRE IN A HALL HOTEL.

Thrilling Escape of Two Girls from the Building—Two Boys Burned to Death.

BERLIN, March 21.—The Hotel Drechslen, at Halle, Prussian Saxony, has been destroyed by fire, under thrilling circumstances. The flames had already gained serious headway when the inmates were aroused to the situation. The landlord's son, a boy of 17, exhibited remarkable courage and presence of mind. Three girls showed themselves amid the smoke and flames at the windows above. To jump to the street meant crippling or death, and there was no means of rescue at hand. The youth told them to jump down and he would catch them. They took the leap, one after the other, and he caught each one of them. Two boys, who were overlooked in the excitement, perished in the flames.

LOST IT ON 'CHANGE.

Two Young Men Speculate with Their Firm's Money.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Burt Smith and Robert Whittaker, young employees of Lamson Bros., commission merchants in the board of trade building, have gone into hiding after swindling their employers out of \$60,000, seriously inconveniencing the firm. The news of this created great excitement on "change today and broke the market. Smith was the cashier of Lamson Bros. and Whittaker had charge of the accounts of the customers of the firm. They had enjoyed full confidence of their employers and were considered thoroughly honest in every way.

WHOLE FAMILY ROASTED.

Horrible Fate of a Father and Five Children.

SLEEPYFIVE, Minn., March 21.—The dwelling of John Lahey, six miles south of Springfield, burned early this morning. Lahey and four sons and only daughter perished in the flames. The only one to escape was a 14-year-old son, who pulled his father from the burning but too late to save his life. The family were sleeping upstairs and were thrown into the cellar by the floor breaking, and were roasted alive in the cellar. Cause of fire unknown.

Durham Miners Alone Out.

LONDON, March 21.—Nearly all the miners but those of Durham resumed work today. In a few districts the mine owners insist that the men shall remove without payment the falls of earth that have occurred during the week of idleness. This the men refuse to do. The Durham strike continues. The price of coal has fallen.

Put in a Straight-Jacket.

STOCKTON, Cal., March 21.—Mrs. Sarah Althea Terry has been put in a straight-jacket at the asylum where she is confined on account of her refractory conduct. At times she is very violent. She will lean against the wall and say that she receives spirit messages ordering her to do all sorts of strange things.

Cotton Still Falling.

New York, March 21.—Cotton continues on its way to a doubtful bottom price. The continued large receipts indicate that the year's crop will be quite up to last year's phenomenal one. Advice from the south report everything down there as blue. The cotton exchange reflects that condition.

Mrs. Osborne Ill in Prison.

LONDON, March 21.—Mrs. Osborne is said to be very ill in the prison infirmary and some doubt is felt as to her recovery. She is said now to be unconscious and fears are expressed that she may die at any moment.

Dashed Down the Slope.

SHANOWH, Pa., March 21.—Three loaded coal wagons dropped four hundred feet down a steep slope this afternoon by a hoisting engine's machinery breaking. John Humphrey at the bottom of the slope was instantly killed.

Five Sailors Drowned.

YARIMOUTH, N. S., March 21.—The British bark Sylvia, from Barbados, February 27, in ballast for St. John, N. B. stranded on Trinity ledge and became a total loss. Five of the crew were drowned.

ALL FOR THE TOTS

What the Kindergartens Are Doing For Them

WORK OF A YEAR IS REVIEWED

And the Successes and Prospects Clearly Set Forth in a Paper Followed by Able Addresses.

Last evening at the Park Congregational church, the Grand Rapids Kindergarten association held its first annual meeting. There was a large attendance and deep interest was observed in the reports and addresses.

Miss Emma Field, the president, opened the meeting with words of welcome and a history of the year's work in Grand Rapids by the kindergarten association. It is given in full.

Miss Field said: "We are glad to welcome so many friends tonight. We believe you are present because you are interested in our kindergarten association and the great cause which it represents. Our first public meeting was held about eleven months ago. Shall I tell you something of the history of these busy, happy months, so full of real work done (that the workers have had no time or strength to call together to hear of what was being accomplished? When our association was but a month old, with no definite plans for the future, only a determination to become more intelligent in kindergarten principles? Later we held a meeting at the Baptist church to celebrate the completion of one term's kindergarten training by Mrs. C. D. Kourke, taken by thirteen young ladies. We were then certain enough that the work would continue to promise a training teacher for the coming year. But still the way looked dark at those days, and difficulties arose like mountains. Ah! we have not forgotten the six weeks of street car troubles, and the long walks during the hot spring days. Blessings on the faithful few who kept up hope and courage amid it all. Following close on this gathering came a meeting of the executive board.

Would Have the Best.

And then there we heard some of the bravest, best words yet spoken for the kindergarten cause from Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Miss Rebecca Richmond, Miss Frances Pierce, Mrs. C. Kourke, Miss Clara Wheeler and others. We all felt, like the Israelites of old, that there could be no retreat, but that we must go right onward. But, as we had no money in our treasury, except a few scanty dollars gathered from the munificent association membership fee of twenty-five cents a year, all kept secretly for advertising, we heard with a gasp that a competent training teacher could not be found for even \$1000 a year. But we said: "We must have the best. Grand Rapids shall be the center for kindergarten training in our state." And we obtained the best as you all know, else we should not have been happy reports to give you. Our training class numbers twenty-six. A pupil is received for one year and the study may commence at any part of the year. We have under our control three kindergartens, which our training teacher, Mrs. Lucretia Willard Treat, supervises. "The Park Kindergarten," at the corner of North Park and Bostwick streets; director, Mrs. Treat, assisted by Miss Hester Stowe, a former pupil who has also taken training with a niece of Froebel's in Germany. Another at the Western Michigan college; director, Miss Mattie Standish. And last, but not least, our own pet child, a free kindergarten, in the parlors of the Emerson home on Waterloo street; director, Miss Raynor. The rooms have been donated for our use by the directors of the home, and about two-thirds of the sum for the maintenance thereof has been donated by our friends through the almost unaided efforts of one of our most efficient workers.

Helped the Good Work.

Have we not commenced at the root of reform by striving to make noble men and pure women out of poor, neglected children? We shall need less money for police courts, jails, prisons, homes for incurables and reformatory for the fallen when we furnish beautiful kindergarten rooms for the children, and thus seek to help those whose minds are yet plastic—whose souls are as yet undefined. The young ladies of our training classes teach one-half a day in these schools; also in the free kindergarten on Ottawa street, which is maintained by a circle of the King's Daughters, and have done, and are still doing, much good. They also give one half day free service in our private school kindergartens and in the public kindergartens of the city. Baker and Ewing all three kindergartens being indirectly under the supervision of Mrs. Treat, the directors being members of the training classes. Thus the good work is united, and by helping others the young ladies in training gain the wisdom and experience of practical work. Mrs. Treat also conducts a mothers' class each week on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The good done at these meetings cannot be half known. The mothers of our city are becoming interested in this practical work for their children. They see and feel the need of it as none else can. The room for this work is kindly donated by the Y. M. C. A., which with its broad interest in all causes that build up a true manhood, discovers so much akin to its own work in ours that it took us in, though crowded for room and with no small inconvenience.

Kindergarten Progress.

A large teachers' class taught by Mrs. Treat meets every Monday night at the central. Here our public school teachers come after the hard labors of the day to learn how to apply Froebel's principles to their teaching. After each meeting we go to our work with new zeal and inspiration, and a deeper insight into the child's nature. We do not expect to become kindergartners in this particular study, but we do obtain glimpses of great truths and our ideals are higher than ever before. We have only given you a partial insight into our work. Realize if you can, the education we are all receiving in the kindergarten principles. Not all of us thoroughly yet, for great truths are not learned in a day. It is the superficial ideas that are so easily grasped. Not ten years ago we were obliged to explain what a kindergarten meant. This is no longer necessary. Every one who gives so freely to our

free kindergarten believes thoroughly in the system. Those who pay for the tuition of their children, see, feel its worth. Oh, that there might arise some one like Miss Blow, Mrs. Shaw or Mrs. Leland Stanford, who with their larger means would plant kindergartens where most needed! Oh, for a Grand Rapids Hackley who would give us not a park, a monument nor a magnificent building, but a beautiful building for kindergarten purposes! How often we have seen it in our dreams! With its large airy rooms and sunny windows, exactly like those seen in our sister city, costing just \$1000. Surely we need not appeal to millionaires. Perhaps some one of humbler means will realize some day that the best way to improve any part of the city is to plant a kindergarten there. And if that "some one" would only give it now and live to see the glad sight when it is dedicated to kindergarten uses, and fifty happy children make the rooms radiant with life and hope and promise of noble manhood and lovely womanhood, then will the joy of giving aught blossom into happiness and joy never before known or felt. Mrs. Cooper, the great kindergarten of the Pacific coast, in the city that supports by munificent gifts alone seven kindergartens, says: "As ye seek to bless these hapless children, we may expect blessings on our own." We can not if we try, rise, or fall alone. We are linked together. The child of the most cultured among you may be thrown into closest companionship with the child of the neighbor who frequents the gutter.

Missionary Work Reported.

Following the president's report, Miss Clara Wheeler, the secretary, gave a report of which the president was pleased to call missionary work. Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Treat and her assistant, Miss Hester P. Stowe, have received calls from and visited Dutton, Holland, Grandville, Sparta, Lowell, Saranac, Muskegon and other towns, where the need of kindergarten work has been found and is already bearing fruit. The ladies also have engagements to visit towns in the vicinity of Detroit, where interest has been awakened in kindergarten work.

Miss Field asked those who had friends in the towns about the state who would be likely to be interested in the work to communicate with Miss Wheeler. The three ladies will respond to a call without charge, save as to actual expenses, even the lecture by Mrs. Treat being free.

Miss Francis Peirce read a number of selections from the best educators, commending Froebel's thought, which is spoken of as the secret of education. A brief recess was granted, and dues for membership were taken up. Mrs. Treat then addressed the audience in her happy way, and gave a description of the various festivals of the year as observed by the kindergartens. She said she had spoken so many times about her work to Grand Rapids people that it seemed like carrying coals to Newcastle to say anything further. She said, "Give me the child as isolated idea. From the ball with which he is familiar, lead him to the cube and plane and their uses, then back to the ball. Educate his hand and head and he will be ready for any trade. The schools of manual labor springing up all over the country are direct results of the kindergarten.

Education is Everything.

The education of the hand and head must be accompanied by the education of the heart. Our prisons are full of those whose hands and heads have been educated and whose hearts have been neglected. Education of the heart brings out the topic, the festival of days. In the autumn time when the harvests are gathered, the fruits ripen, the leaves fall and the birds fly southward these things are brought to the notice of the children and the thought gradually led up to Thanksgiving time. Then after Thanksgiving time when we see how much people must work for us we begin to see that we must do for others and this thought leads us to Christmas time. The children are taught, not of what they are to get, but of what they are to give. Santa Claus is the symbol of the universal giver, and each child becomes a little Santa Claus. Every thought for some one else is a good thought. From the attention is directed to the tradespeople, shoemakers, hatmakers, etc., who have labored so hard to supply their wants. This brings the knowledge of the interdependence of all on each other and is taught in the little trade songs. After we have seen how many have worked for us we must each try to do our own very best, and this brings us to the beautiful sentiment of Washington's birthday. Then the sentiment of renewed life is taught with cocoons and other things at Easter time. At this time we are trying to give the children a connected education instead of a series of disconnected ideas. The festivals are the pivots upon which all the work swings. The Rev. Miss Tupper spoke interestingly of the future of kindergarten work and prophesied its great advancement. After a few announcements the meeting came to a happy close.

CLAUS SPRECKLES' SURRENDER.

Report That His Philadelphia Refinery Has Fallen Into the Sugar Trust.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—The inquirer this morning says: "The official announcement that Claus Spreckles' refinery has gone into the great sugar combine, with the Franklin refinery of Harrison, Frazier & Co., and the refinery of E. C. Knight & Co., may be expected in a few days. The preliminaries are said to be about fixed and all that remains to be arranged is minor details. The terms are not yet known, nor is it understood exactly how Spreckles has fought with so much vigor. He is, however, credited with making about \$5,000,000 in the deal over and above the cost of his big refinery in this city.

Ives Accepts the Challenge.

CHICAGO, March 21.—"Of course I accept Stinson's challenge," said Frank Ives today, "but I must come to Chicago to play. I have the naming of date and place. Probably it will be scheduled for about the 15th of May and may be played in the Auditorium."

"Max" is Dead.

F. A. Gorman, auditor of the G. & R. I. railroad, is mourning the loss of his large St. Bernard dog "Max." The noble fellow was killed by a motor car on State street, in front of which he was running and barking. "Max" was valued at \$200.

VERY QUIET AFFAIR

The Hack Ordinance Passed by the Council

MAYOR UHL'S VETO WAS READ

The Subject Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means—The Cemetery Commissioners Want Free Water.

Compared with former sessions last night's council meeting was a tame affair. In consequence of the recently acquired reputation a large number of spectators were present, but they went home disappointed. There was a dearth of verbal encounters, repartee and the usual exchange of compliments.

The property owners on Fountain street remonstrated against the paving of that thoroughfare with asphalt. Mrs. Aldrich and others petitioned the council asking that Ottawa street, from Fulton to Lyon street be paved with cedar blocks on a concrete foundation, and cobble stone gutters. The mayor's veto of Stenographer Atkinson's bill for an extra copy of the evidence taken in the Steven Weiden nuisance case before Circuit Court Commissioner Hughes, was read. By request City Attorney Taylor gave his reasons for ordering an additional copy, showing that it was necessary. A question arose as to the justice of the claim. After some argument this was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Wants the Right to Lay Track.

The Consolidated Street Railway company sent in a communication calling the attention of the council to the fact that Ottawa street, from Monroe to Lyon street, and from Bridge to Trowbridge street, was not included in any routes which were required to be operated by the Street Railway company. The property owners along the street were desirous of having regular service, saying that it would greatly benefit them and relieve Canal street, which, owing to new lines to be put into operation this spring, will probably cause serious blockades in that street. The street car company asked that it be allowed to lay additional tracks in Ottawa street between Bridge and Lyon streets, and to operate one of its north end lines through Ottawa street. Permission is asked to lay tracks in Madison avenue from Hall street to the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad crossing, the new line to form a part of the Stocking street and Lafayette street line.

The petition also asks that the ordinance passed April 24, 1891, be amended so as to carry the above changes into effect.

Would Like Free Water.

The petition submitted by the cemetery commissioners asking for free water for the purpose of beautifying the grounds, which was referred to the board of public works, was reported upon by that body. The report said that the board was of the opinion that the water department should receive credit for all water furnished. Commissioner Enos Putnam said that Valley City cemetery, Fulton street cemetery and Oakhill cemetery needed the water, but did not have sufficient money to pay for it and lay the necessary pipes. It was desired that the revenue received from the sale of lots should be devoted to laying pipes, instead of paying for water. It was simply a matter of economy for the city, he thought. The report was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Towers Nearly Ready.

The committee on lamps reported that the Grand Rapids Electric Light company had said that the tower lamps would be ready for illuminating purposes March 28. The committee asked that it be authorized to discontinue the use of naphtha and gas lamps at that time, and that the Electric Light company be paid on a pro rata basis for light furnished until all the lights were in place.

The committee on buildings, to which had been referred a petition relative to keeping the reference library open from 1 to 6 o'clock Sunday, reported that it would concur in the request provided the board of education would pay for the extra janitor service.

The grading and graveling of Lake avenue was declared a necessary public improvement.

Back Ordinance Passed.

The hack ordinance came up on its last reading. There were a few changes made. Alderman Stokes wanted the hack owners to furnish a bond of \$100 instead of \$500, saying he thought that amount sufficient. His amendment failed to carry. In regard to the rate to be charged, there have been many alterations, but it finally resolved itself into an attempt on the part of Alderman Tateum to make the ordinance read practically as when first introduced, viz: Twenty-five cents for every half mile traveled. His amendment was lost. For funerals a uniform rate of \$2 will be charged when the services are held at the house. An amendment was made and carried reducing the price from \$3. Alderman O'Donnell moved to change the price of hacks for funerals held at churches from \$4 to \$5. The amendment was lost. The ordinance was passed.

A resolution was introduced by Alderman Tateum ordering the city engineer to prepare a map circled so as to show the distances from the center of the city to different points, the same to be conveniently posted in each hack. Adopted.

EATEN UP BY ANTS.

Stockman Withers' Horrible Death at the Hands of Mexican Bandits.

TOMBSTOWN, A. T., March 21.—The Indians have always been known for their devilish ways of torture, but it has remained for a band of Mexican bandits to cap the climax. "Dutch" Henry's band of horse thieves raided Henry Withers' ranch on the Gila river recently, driving away all his stock. Withers started after the band single-handed and succeeded in shooting down three of them from ambush before they discovered that only one man was pursuing them. They succeeded in capturing him as he was trying to get away. Death was his sentence, but shooting was too easy a death. Withers was taken out on the hot dead.

beds and left to lie naked for six hours, fully exposed to the sun's rays. This was not enough, and he was then carried, still nude, to a bed of cactus bushes, where he was laid on the sharp points. He was bound tightly to a stake, and then a large ant hill, which was near, was torn open with sticks and he was laid in his fate. The insects swarmed out and over Withers' body and within two hours he was dead from their bites. The ants did not leave him alone, however, until every particle of flesh was eaten from his bones. A prisoner of the band was taken where he could witness the whole affair and was afterward turned loose and told to tell the people that that would be the future punishment of all who tried to kill a member of the band.

MAY BEAT 'EM BOTH.

Senator Gorman of Maryland Praised by a Chicagoan.

A. J. Dungen, a Chicago capitalist and lawyer, was at the Morton yesterday, and in commenting on the political situation to a reporter for THE HERALD, said: "The fact that I am a Maryland man, born and bred, may have much to do with my admiration for Senator Gorman. I believe that the democratic party will find in him the compromise between Cleveland and Hill. Gorman is a man who has shown during his political career the rarest wisdom and good sense. He entered the senate some eleven years ago and for seven years never opened his mouth in the hearing of that body. In the last four years he has spoken only on subjects of vital importance to his state. He has been intellectually sawing wood ever since he became senator and is today the soundest man in his party. He is a man of erudition, which Cleveland is not, and he has learned what Hill has not, to look upon public questions as a statesman rather than as a politician.

Conservative and Thoughtful.

Although I am a republican I can see the good qualities of this man and respect his conservatism and the sound intellectual power he has shown in his political acts. He has realized that he came from neither a pivotal nor doubtful state and has accordingly adopted an unostentatious demeanor and taken advantage of unusual opportunities for studying the political needs of the country."

"What of Illinois' favorite son?"

"Palmer? Well, I honestly believe that there has never been in the history of American politics a more far-fetched or unrepresentative 'boom.' Palmer came home from the war with his stately shape encased in a uniform and people said: 'What a magnificent type of the American soldier,' and straightway made him governor and senator, although heaven knows he had done nothing very brave on the field. Now they are crying: 'See the grand old man,' and want to make him president on the strength of that. He is not grand in any way. He is broken down mentally and physically, and the gush about him only shows how a catch phrase will put a big lot of the American people in raptures over a nobody."

Caught in the Lobby.

M. H. A. Barney, proprietor of the Occidental hotel at Muskegon, and his wife, stopped at the Morton house yesterday on their way east.

R. G. Macfie of Grand Haven, a prominent lumber dealer, is in the city on business. He is stopping at the New Livingston.

Dr. G. C. Crandall, one of the prevailing physicians at the Traverse City insane asylum, registered at the Morton last night.

Chas. H. McGurrin of Kalamazoo, the latest typewriter in the world, registered at the New Livingston yesterday.

Col. F. W. Warden, government lumber inspector with headquarters at Grayling, is at the New Livingston.

Michigan Men at the Hotels.

At the Morton: George F. Kidder, J. K. Wagner, Kalamazoo; W. T. Welsh; Paw Paw; W. N. Coats, East Saginaw; D. C. Tildeson, Muskegon; Fred Wright, Elk Rapids; S. G. M. W. Frances, Lake Adessa; C. W. Sparrow, Lansing; Alexander McPherson and wife, Detroit; Mrs. M. J. McPherson, Howell; W. G. Titus, Lansing; Reid Davies, Muskegon; E. H. Smith, Detroit; S. H. Hart, Detroit; George W. Benson, Detroit; Austin M. Mitchell, Cadillac; H. S. Huriburt, Detroit; Charles McCarty, Lowell; Joseph Berger, Detroit; H. M. Wardle, Ionia; D. M. Baker, Detroit; I. B. Lyon, Lowell; R. S. Valkenburg, Muskegon; E. C. Bowling and wife, Detroit; F. G. Rowe and wife, Lansing; Russell C. Ostrander, Lansing; Perry F. Powers, Cadillac; J. C. Newtrough, Greenville.

At Street's Hotel—A. W. Webster, Detroit; Ed C. Lerbendorf, Bay City; F. L. Frost, East Saginaw; E. W. Love, Ionia; Lowell; A. E. Doris, Detroit; Lew W. Feigner, Nashville; Henry Stankley, Ewart; John Pendergast, Hastings; E. C. Oweatt, Detroit; J. M. Wilkinson, Ewart; Geo. A. Dunham, Manistee; R. A. Anderson, Benton Harbor; Wm. Smith, Peninsula.

New Livingston—Dr. B. F. Brown, Morley; H. Haskell, Detroit; T. J. Cook, Fowlerville; E. G. Johnson, Lethers; S. F. Robbins, Marshall; Jas. R. Clark, St. Joe; B. H. Bell, Battle Creek; J. D. Page, Jackson; R. L. Kennan, Detroit; George M. Savage, Detroit; M. Walker, Port Huron; L. B. Koenig, Detroit; E. C. Stone, Detroit; C. B. Warren, Detroit.

Fatal Accident.

FIREDAY, O., March 21.—A passenger train on the Findlay, Ft. Wayne & Western road was wrecked this afternoon a few miles west of here by a chunk of wood on the track. All the cars and engines were badly damaged to the extent of \$6000. All the passengers escaped uninjured, which is considered miraculous. Foreman Shannon jumped, receiving fatal injuries. The engine remained on the engine and was thrown into a swamp which saved him.

For Director of the Poor.

Charles K. Gibson and Hubert Wagemaker are mentioned as candidates for the republican nomination for director of the poor. Mr. Wagemaker has served the city in that office before. Mr. Gibson is very well and favorably known.

Alderman Sprout of the Second ward states positively that he is not a candidate for re-nomination and could not accept the office another term under any circumstances. He was once elected and has been in office four years.